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Seniors vs. Freshmen.

The first in the series of interclass basket ball games was played last Friday night between the respective teams of 1906 and 1909. The Freshmen put up a far stiffer fight than was expected, and had it not been for the "old guard," the victory would probably have gone to the Freshmen. The first part of the game was very sensational, not to mention the spectacular features furnished the onlookers by the recruits from the Senior class. In order to make the game somewhat even Captain Sherman started the contest with a team that bore evidence of little acquaintance with a basket-ball. But their ignorance gave occasion for much laughter. Stryker distinguished himself by using his opponent as a means of conveyance about the floor. He admits that he seldom saw the ball. In ten minutes this aggregation managed to score three points, while the Freshmen had twelve to their credit. Spedick played his usual game for his opponents. In this he was ably seconded by "Ben" Miller, who spent his time in trying to catch his man. Mann rushed violently about the floor and managed to throw a basket. For this act he received merited applause.

At this stage the four 'Varsity men went in and the tide soon changed. Before the half ended the score was a tie. The second half started with a vengeance but the old timers were too much for the Freshmen and they threw baskets at will. Perhaps there was a little too much spirit shown between the contestants, but basket-ball like football is no parlor game, and perhaps it is to be expected that men should show more fight than the spectator thinks is called for.

Following is the line-up:

Seniors, 52.

Freshmen, 18.

Left Forward.	
Roosa, LeMunyan.	Roenke.
Right Forward.	
Miller, Sicard.	Kneeland.
Right Guard.	
Spedick, Bramley.	Osborn.

Left Guard.		
Stryker, Sherman.	Hopkins.	
Center.		
Mann.	Wilson.	
Goals from fouls:—Miller 1, Sherman 1, Rourke 2.		
Basket—LeMunyan 4, Sicard 7, Bramley 9, Sherman 4, Mann 1, Roenke 1, Kneeland 2, Wilson 2, Osborn 3.		
Umpire, Bloyer, '06; referee, Watson; timer, White, '08; length of halves, 20 minutes.		

The Inter-class Debate.

The Senior-Junior Debate will take place in the Chapel on Tuesday evening at seven o'clock sharp. The proposition is, "That football, as it is played, is detrimental to the best interests of the College." The Juniors have the affirmative in this order, Gilbert, Grossmeyer, Scoon, Libbey. The negative goes to the Seniors, Purdy, McLean, Drummond, Melrose. Professors Wood, Ibbotson and Davenport will act as judges and Dr. Stryker will preside.

The Musical Clubs' Trip.

The first concert on the Musical Clubs' trip will be in Auburn on Thursday. "Nelse" Drummond, '02, has charge of affairs in Auburn and is working hard to insure a good crowd and a good time. The men will arrive late in the afternoon, take dinner at the City Club, and after the concert will have luncheon at the Hotel Majestic.

Friday morning the crowd leaves for Elmira, arriving early in the afternoon. A dance and general jollification is promised after the concert.

At Binghamton, on Saturday, the Clubs, according to rumor, will encounter a reception, a dance and other frivolities. And then the Faculty says, get home for Sunday chapel—in other words leave "Bingo" at 4:30. Its fine, however!

Plans for the Easter trip are not yet definite, but several towns towards Albany, or on the Hudson, will probably be "done."

The Clinton Concert.

The initial concert of the season, in Clinton Thursday evening, was all and more than the College had hoped for in the Clubs. The College was there to a man, and they, together with a large delegation from the Faculty and from Clinton, applauded the various numbers liberally.

The hit of the evening was Sicard's solo, "What You Goin' to do When the Rent Comes 'Round?" closely followed in popularity by the "Cat Serenade." The quartet, composed of Purdy, Sicard and Stryker, '06, and White, '08, was also well received, although the audience was disappointed that their number was so short.

Probably the best effort from a purely musical standpoint was Purdy's "Auf Wiedersehn." His rich baritone voice lent itself to the piece admirably, the tone shading being especially well done. His "Fair Hamilton" was fine.

As for the instrumental side of the performance it is safe to say that the Club ranks with any like organization in these parts. "Poppies," "College Days" and "Moonlight" were played exceptionally well—more is superfluous.

If considered on our "Louis Ehret" standard, Williams' monologue was below par, but thought of otherwise, it was good. Perhaps some of his jokes could be burnished into a bit more shining wit, but on the whole it wasn't so bad.

The "Tutti Frutti" was also interesting. Stryker's solo was only "so-so," but that also will not happen again.

President Stryker, when interviewed, said that the Glee Club's best serious chorus was "Twilight Comes Soon" and its worst, "Carissima." The latter will bear hard work.

For what the clubs have done and what they intend to do before the trips, all honor is due to Purdy. Vesting the leadership of both Clubs in one man was, at best, an experiment. Purdy has

filled the position with great credit, and the College cannot be too liberal in its praise of him, and the hard work he has put into bringing the Clubs around to Thursday evening's creditable performance.

The program follows:

FIRST PART.

1. (a) Carissima, Stryker, '72.
Glee Club.
- (b) Fair Hamilton, Rockwell, '05.
Mr. Purdy and Glee Club.
2. Poppies—Japanese Romance, Moret.
Mandolin Club.
3. Cat Serenade,
Barrows, '06, and Purdy, '06.
Glee Club.
4. Auf Wiedersehn, Francis.
Mr. Purdy and Glee Club.
5. Tutti Frutti,
Glee and Mandolin Clubs.

SECOND PART.

1. College Days, Frantyes.
Mandolin Club.
2. Song, What you goin' to do when the
rent comes round? Von Tilzer.
Mr. Sicard and Glee Club.
3. Readings,
Mr. Williams.
4. Limericks,
Messrs. Purdy, Sicard, Stryker
and White.
5. Songs of Hamilton,
Glee Club.
- (a) Cheer, Boys, Cheer,
- (b) Twilight Comes Soon, Stryker, '72.

The following is the personelle of the clubs:

GLEE CLUB.

First Tenor—Stryker, Massee, Simmons, Fitch, Fish. Second Tenor—Purdy, Thompson, Roseboom, Beck, Smyth. First Bass—Sicard, Warburton, Allen, Scoon, Rifembark. Second Bass—Drummond, Hoyt, Bagg, White, Spencer, Leavenworth.

MANDOLIN CLUB.

First Mandolin—Purdy, Trippe, Massee, Hemenway, Adams, Leavenworth. Second Mandolin—Haven, H. Holley, Fitch, Allen, Felt, Roenke. Violin—Hoyt, Love, Joraleman. Piccolo-Banjo—Stryker, Reader, Williams. Guitar—Edgerton, Spencer. Clarinet—Bagg, Traps—Sicard.

A new course in journalism has been established in connection with the English department at the University of North Dakota. The work done by the editors of the college daily will be credited according to the work done.

The Sorority Heart Club.

On Wednesday evening "Hobs" Bryant entertained the Sorority Heart Club at "undressed hearts". The members present were Truax, A. F. Osborn, Woolcott, Rudd, McLean and Bryant. Roenke sent regrets because of family ties, and Smyth retired at sun-down with his hot water (?) bottle. Late in the evening the hostess extended a cordial invitation to the upperclassmen who were enjoying a "feed" in Bob Peck's room to join them, on the ground that the frequent interruptions caused the club by its members being sent to Commons Hall for supplies, was detrimental to the club's best interests. The invitation was promptly accepted and the favored few were ushered into the Sorority apartments, which were tastefully decorated with clothes. On entering, the club was discovered seated solemnly about a table playing with an earnestness explained only by the rules of the game.

The rules of this original game require that:

1st. Each player on receiving one heart shall remove one article of clothing unless otherwise specified.

2nd. Any player receiving five hearts shall submit to the infliction of five severe strokes from the sacred Sorority gavel.

To the outsider it looked like a skin game and was a very touching spectacle. Wollcott after losing repeatedly called attention to his "voluptuous figure".

The prize awarded to the heaviest loser was a drawing by Woolcott, and was supposed to be a likeness of "Hobs". The artist, however, violently exclaimed "It is moi" ("Bram" translated the expression and announced that the English equivalent of "moi" is "mut".) The prize was eventually presented to Osborn, who appeared a trifle sore, for besides receiving the stipulated number of blows from the aforementioned sacred gavel, he had inadvertently backed into the business end of a lusty cigar which "Bill" Cody happened to hold in the near vicinity.

After the various awards had been made, Truax, the preceptress of the club left very unceremoniously, attired in his inevitable collar and necktie, with which he refused to part. He was followed by the remainder of the club, who assisted him in taking a cold water bath. This friendly office having been accomplished, the Sorority adjourned for the

purpose of re-entering certain sundry garments necessary for the street. But lo! the duds were missing! The rule book was consulted, but no clause bearing upon the case in hand could be found. Rudd was appointed chairman of a search committee and made a conscientious effort to regain the lost goods. After looking up the chimney and running his finger into the match safe in Gilbert's room he reported no clue.

The upperclassmen were lulled to sleep by the Sorority as they huddled around the radiator singing in soft, sweet tones, that old-time favorite, "They'll be chilly when the leaves begin to turn."

The guests present are unanimous in voting it the most unique, informal and interesting affair of its kind ever given on College Hill. As entertainers the sisters of the Heart Club are without rivals.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The meeting tomorrow is in charge of Maynard, '06. Let us have a large number present.

The delegates to the International Conference at Nashville, Tenn., are Warburton and Melrose, '06, and Cady Allen, '07. Warburton and Melrose go in the capacity of delegates but at no expense to the Association, Allen being the official delegate.

We would like to request the college body to leave no unnecessary lamps burning in the Association building. Frequently the lamps are turned on and left burning. As it is not possible for the janitor to keep watch of the details of this matter, we wish to make each man feel responsible for any light that he turns on. It will be necessary upon ordinary occasions to turn the lights in the building off at 10 o'clock sharp.

Cornell students are rejoicing over the abolition of "black week," a ten-day period of examinations which formerly came twice a year. The university faculty voted that any department of the university might abolish those examinations. Several have and others are expected to follow soon.

The educational world is mourning the death of Dr. William Rainey Harper, President of the University of Chicago, which occurred last Wednesday. Dr. Harper was a renowned scholar, having won great fame as a specialist in the Hebrew language, being one of the leading men in the country on this subject.

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THE FACULTY'S ACTION in declining to give the Musical Clubs a cut in Sunday morning chapel shows a conscientious regard for compulsory worship quite medieval. It is a pretty tough proposition to hold a man down to one absence in Sunday chapel for two terms out of three, and we never heard the theory upheld logically. What with required courses in Bible study for three and a half years and with compulsory church-going, the religious element is pretty well squeezed out of a man to whom it is not an essential of life. Enforced religion is like green apples.

But when the Clubs are forced to leave Binghamton at 4:30 a. m. in order to get to Chapel —! Well, it's safe to say that no spiritual uplift will result. It seems that the Faculty might be a little more generous on such an occasion.

A SERIOUS QUESTION is before us in the increased drains made upon the college purse by athletics and in the methods of collection now used. In the first place, if the Faculty would permit the playing of a few games each season in Utica the income of athletics would be greatly increased. Here on the Hill it is impossible to get a large crowd, except perhaps for one football game—the Colgate game. We believe as thorough-

ly as any one in the policy of playing only on college grounds, but in our circumstances the practical test of this theory punctures its virtues. No harm could come from such an arrangement and our treasury would be vastly helped. We think the "home rule" is too strict.

Again, the present system of subscriptions is awkward and disagreeable for both the managers and the College. No man likes to be chased up by a manager and certainly any manager hates himself when he slinks out to raid the flat purses of the bankrupt undergraduates. A single athletic tax would be far better, more convenient, and just as feasible. The average man gives from ten to fifteen dollars in subscriptions during the year. These different subscriptions could be lumped and paid directly to the treasurer. Then the teams could be run directly from this general treasury without references to hypothetical deficits and imaginary assets. In this way each department of athletics would feel its responsibility toward the general scheme and the athletic finances would form a complete and easily managed whole.

Within the past four or five years the complexities of the financial system have well-nigh doubled and the considerable dissatisfaction entertained toward the present system hints an investigation of whys and wherefores.

Patent Office Opportunities.

Probably half the Hamilton men who go into school teaching at the end of their college course do so for lack of other employment that will pay so well. There is an opening in the Patent Office in Washington for some of this year's Seniors at work that will be as agreeable as teaching and will pay better; to say nothing of the general good that will come from keeping out of the teaching profession men who wish to use it only as a "pot-boiler."

In March an examination will be held to fill vacancies in the position known as Patent Examiner. All necessary information can be procured by writing to the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. The examination is in mathematics through calculus, chemistry, physics, French or German, and reading of mechanical drawings. It will be noticed that the candidate is required only to read mechanical drawings, and this ability, it is said, is easily acquired. As an examination was held in October

to fill the immediate demands of the Patent Office it is probable that the men who pass the March examination will not be appointed until after Commencement time. It is possible, of course, that they will not be appointed at all; but their chances are unusually good.

The position of Patent Examiner pays at once \$1,200 a year. Out of this a man who has his health and no obligation but to support himself ought easily to save \$600 a year. There are good law schools in Washington at which one may take a law course of night lectures. There are also schools of medicine and dentistry, but they are not in such good repute in their respective professions as the law schools are. This opportunity is open not only to this year's Seniors, but to Seniors for years to come. Patent law firms all over the country draft the Patent Examiners of the Interior Department into their offices at good salaries, and frequently into a partnership, so that every year there is a demand for new men in the Patent Office. This year's Sophomores might do well to think it over, for they yet have time to shape their courses. It is only fair to the men to whom a few years at good pay in the nation's capital seems like a desirable outlook, to warn them that they must know their "math." and natural science in order to pass a Patent Examiner examination. It is a difficult test but the immediate reward and the nearby opportunities it offers are surely worth the work.

JOHN O. COLLINS, '04.

A January Experience.

Thinking that the balmy days of summer were at hand, four Seniors became as mad as the proverbial "March hare." They were strolling down the Hill enjoying the novelty of going about bareheaded and coatless in January, and while looking for some "safe and sane" diversion someone suggested a swim. Instantly this took the form of a dare and the fun was on. Not possessing the nerve and the necessary garments to go swimming in a civilized community they started out for some sheltered spot and they found it. Down the Oriskany about a mile the limpid waters of that historic stream ripple about an old dam which once furnished power for lights. Here the deed was consummated. With surprising speed garments were doffed, and then came the real test of courage. The first man, thinking it to be the

quickest way to get in, dove, and plowed up about five yards of bottom with his face. Such a course, then, was obviously impracticable. The rest began to wade in carefully, being afraid, as they said, of crabs, etc. After having broken a sufficiently large place in the ice and ducked under, they broke for land without any delay. Safe on terra firma things appeared in a brighter light. "It isn't so cold after all," said one. As they continued in their nervous attempts to dress, with fingers so cold that they could hardly bend them, the water continually became warmer in their imagination. This strange phenomenon continued until the foot of the Hill was reached, when the water had risen to about 104 degrees in the shade, in fact, so hot that they couldn't stay in.

Electric Lights Coming.

Electric lamps up the Hill are now assured. All the crowds and some ten residents on the Hill have subscribed five dollars each. This amount will furnish five thirty-two candle power lamps, and in addition, Messrs. Rudd and Rogers are to place another at the foot of Freshman Hill. The last light will be placed outside the Y. M. C. A. An effort is being made to get the system working by Junior week and thus add illumination to celebration. Improvements still come our way and the light of modernity will soon be ours.

Prof. Davenport Talks.

Prof. Davenport was the principal speaker at the annual banquet of the Manufacturers' Association of New York held at the Union League Club in Brooklyn last Friday evening. The subject of his address was "The Relation of Wealth and Public Leadership." According to all reports he did pretty well and more than held his end up with Bird S. Coler and a number of eloquent pulpit orators and cart-tail spellbinders of the metropolis.

Last Tuesday the Professor made himself solid with the Farmer's Institute by talking to them on "The Farmer's Interest in Honest and Intelligent Public Servants." He "charmed the large audience present by his wit and wisdom." The Chair of Sociology ought to give us an attractive lecture course here on the Hill. At present, however, he is doing well by himself and the College in other fields.

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College Notes.

—The class elections seem to be hanging fire.

—"Nelse" Drummond, '02, came on for the concert Thursday.

—Tennant, '04, and Rockwell, '05, were on the Hill last week.

—"Nick" Holmes was "audience" at the Glee Club rehearsal in Clinton Wednesday evening.

—Wilson, '09, has been called home by the death of his father. The College offers its sincere sympathy.

—Dr. Nichols has been laid up with a severe attack of lagrippe, and has been unable to hold classes this week.

—In a recent number of the *Outlook* there is a very interesting appreciation of the life and works of "Old Greek."

—In the fiery eloquence of an oration, Gilbert declared, "Money reigns, the world over." Funny we haven't succeeded in running into any such show-ers.

—A team composed of Sophomores and Freshmen was beaten in a basketball game with Utica Free Academy. The score hasn't been published, for obvious reasons.

—It is hoped that the wood used in South will be better seasoned than that which was used in Carnegie, as the latter has shown decided tendencies to crack and warp.

—If the College limits the Junior Prom. festivities to three days, we can have Friday of "Junior Week" to ourselves.

—Cady Allen smiled at Glee Club practice the other day. No new symptoms have developed, and they hope to save him yet.

—Rochester postponed the game which was to have been played there Wednesday, until Friday, for some unknown reason.

—"Ockie" Kuolt is bemoaning the fact that he hadn't foresight enough to schedule some baseball games for the week just closed.

—Samuel H. Adams, '01, the author of the Patent Medicine Exposé, and a trustee of the College, is critically ill in Washington, D. C.

—Several men went down to the Automobile Show in New York, and escorted "Prex" back to College on the early train Monday morning.

—A sled seemed like an anachronism last week, unless it is that the warm spell was a remnant of last fall and not a foretaste of next spring.

—With Junior Prom. the Gym. Show and a trip for the Musical Clubs all in sight, there is a stir of activity promised for the Hill during the next few weeks.

—A large delegation from Hamilton helped swell the coffers of the Majestic Theatre, by filling the first rows at "Little Johnny Jones" and "Leah Kleschna."

—Bright, in a masterly refutation in debate Wednesday, summed up his objection to classing the Negro as an immigrant, with the sentence, "The Negro? Yes! He's black."

—Several members of the Glee Club, confident of their powers to charm, butted into a masquerade ball at Society Hall last week. Report hath it that they as quickly butted out again.

—Fellows on the Hill went around the forepart of the week with a sad smile on their faces. The cause of this grief was the oft-repeated plaint, "What if it should be like this Junior week?"

—One of the Freshmen told "Hank" White that persuasion was the art of winning assent. There are games where you frequently win more than a cent that aren't dignified with any such proud title.

—Manager French* of the Musical Clubs is being deluged with requests for concerts, at all the nearby towns. Herkimer, Oneida and Utica will probably be added to the schedule as "one night stands."

—"Prex" in Wednesday Chapel imparted to the Sophomores an interesting bit of information on death, saying that many deaths are known to have been caused by the person being unable to breathe.

—When an unsquelchable Freshman who haunts the halls of Carnegie had accidentally ducked Ferris, he found that by pouring water on what was first a "Flicker" he developed a flame of consuming wrath.

—A slide doesn't make a winter, as we have learned to our sorrow. All along the Hill the sleds are stacked up waiting for more snow. It is reported that several fellows have ordered carts for use next winter.

—The reports of the weather sages as to the last time we had such weather in January, are conflicting. Some say that such days occurred in '65, while others assert that such days have not been seen since '32. No matter, we liked it.

—New South is having queer experiences; one day it is half covered with snow, and less than a week later the brick layers are at work in their shirt sleeves trying to squeeze in another story before quitting work for the winter.

—Kuolt, '07, the man who looked under a safe about two inches off the floor for a derby hat, has added a new number to the Carnegie menagerie, in the shape of a gray, white and black dog. When last seen, his canine majesty was making the acquaintance of "Slip" Heacock's buff cat.

—The chess tournament is fairly under way, and those entered are lying awake nights thinking of new variations for the Rice gambit. The first round has been played off without sensation, and the work of elimination will go on until two shining lights of the club clash in deadly conflict for the honor of having a name superscribed on one of the dozen or more shields which surround the board. The chess bee is just beginning to get in its work on the Hill, and there promises ere long to be a chess club worthy of the beneficence of so distinguished a master as Prof. Rice. Speaking of chess, not a little credit is due to the Watson Brothers for the revival of interest in this royal game. Mr. Watson is now engaged in a postal match with a superintendent of schools in the Phillipine Islands. The Rice gambit is being played and the last move was made on November 27th, but news of it reached here only a few days ago.

—Wednesday morning a cat which had been undergoing the preliminary rites before receiving the anesthetic, escaped from "Bugs'" Laboratory, dashed across the Campus, and threw a fit from excitement in front of the Chapel.

—There have been an unusual number of fellows coming from Utica lately with round, flat packages. The tender way in which they hold them and the loving glances bestowed upon them, reveal the fact that they can be nothing less than opera hats for the Glee Club. Very touching—almost \$7 a man.

—At the earnest solicitation of the Board of Editors of the *Hamiltonian*, even the most modest of the Juniors have been prevailed upon to have their photos taken, that we may catch the shadow ere the image fades. It is an ill wind that blows nobody good, and the pride to which flesh is heir means money to the "Ute" photographers.

New York Alumni Dinner.

The New York Alumni held their annual dinner last week Thursday night in the college room of the Hotel Astor. More than 100 graduates were present. The dinner was an informal affair, with lots of college songs and jolly speeches. During the serving of the dinner, football songs and other college ditties were interspersed.

Prof. Francis M. Burdick, of the Columbia Law School, president of the Alumni Association, was toastmaster. Most of the speakers devoted some time to Elihu Root, Secretary of War. Mr. Root was not at the dinner, but sent his regrets. Prof. Burdick sent him the goodwill of the gathering.

Justice Arthur C. Coxe, of the United States Circuit Court, explained that he could not resist the temptation to speak of the simple life and the strenuous life.

"In the matter of the strenuous life," said Judge Coxe, "I am tempted to speak of football, which is, of course, the subject nowadays. The discussionists are arrayed on two sides. There are those who believed that the members of the team should be encased from head to foot in harveyized steel and should bear the short sword of the Romans. The others think that the appropriate dress should be evening clothes and a picture hat. They think the contestants should be required to come upon the field repeating the verses of Agamemnon, in order to stifle some of the Binghamian language that is used nowadays.

"But as I don't know just where Hamilton stands on the football question, I shall refrain. I am afraid to be caught like old John Van Buren, who was asked to address a Sunday school at one time. All that John knew about was the story of Jacob and Esau. So he started to tell the children all about these two personages. He hadn't got far along when suddenly he felt a tug on the tails of his coat from a friend back of him and he heard a hoarse whisper: 'You'd better quit, John. You've got the hair on the wrong man.'

"As for the simple life, that calls up a sad train of thought. One thinks at once of the Equitable Life, but the Equitable Life is not the simple life. Yet so closely are the two words intermingled that one immediately gets a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde idea of the Equitable Life. The Mutual Life suggests the double life, while the strenuous life suggests the busy life of this great city, the New York Life. And all suggests a much quieter life, that at Ossining."

Dr. Stryker, '72, and Charles Porter, of the class of '45, were among the other speakers. There were present also Prof. F. M. Davenport, Robert L. Blair, Col. William Griffith, Rev. Dr. A. H. Evans, Reuben L. Maynard, Harlan P. Lloyd, Archibald M. Shaw, Dr. A. N. Brockway, Charles B. Cole, Rev. Dr. A. H. Bradford, Prof. Clinton Scollard, Judge Warren Higley, Prof. John H. Peck, Henry H. Benedict, Chauncey S. Truax, George M. Diven, Samuel Engls and the Rev. Dr. W. A. Bartlett.

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